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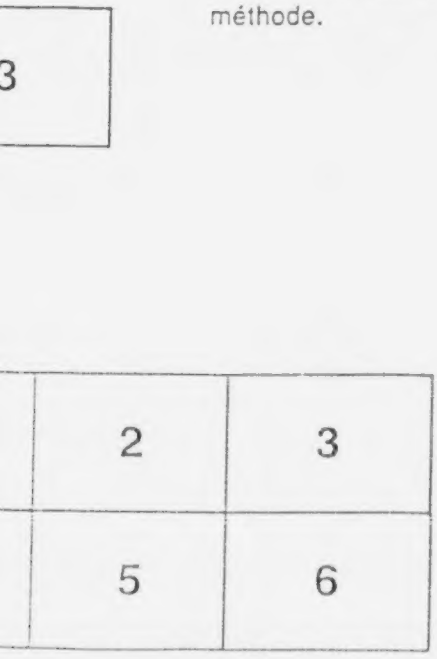

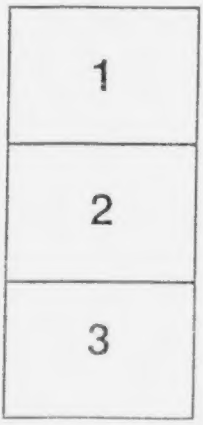

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I have read carefully this little book, and judge it to be not only free from error, but, on the contrary, calculated to be very helpful to St Anthony's clients.

They will find in it much useful information as to the various devotions in honour of their great patron and protector, and a number of beautiful prayers which will help them to give expression to the manifold petitions they have to lay at the feet of the Wonder-Worker of Padua.

I heartily recommend its publication.

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PREFACE

The devotion of the whole Catholic world towards Saint Anthony, the Franciscan Wonder-worker, is nothing less than remarkable in its development. Comparatively little known, but a few yearsa go. St Anthony by the prodigies God has worked through his intercession, has suddenly become one of the most honoured and popular of the Saints. And it is no exaggeration to declare that after the Ever-Blessed Mother of God and St Joseph no saint is better known or more frequently invoked than St Anthony of Padua.

Numberless forms of devotion have been set on foot by his clients, prayers and novenas in his honour are published every day. Some of these have been enriched with Indulgences by Holy Church, who is always ready to foster the devotion of her children

by the granting of these spiritual favours.

We have been prompted to write this booklet by an earnest desire to see St Anthony even more widely known and more frequently invoked. The ever increasing number of his clients will find herein a short explanation of the different forms of devotion now in use in honour of their favourite saint. For their greater convenience we have culled from various sources, many beautiful prayers which will help them to make known their wants to him who was never prayed in vain.

May St Anthony bless this little labour of love and ever grant his powerful help to the writer of these pages.

THE PIOUS UNION

Whilst the great Wonder-worker was filling every land with the glory of his name and the praise of his powerful intercession, hundreds of societies sprang up in his honour to work under his benign protection for the good of souls. Countless were those who longed to enjoy in pious association with others, the Saint's intercession in their spiritual needs, of which St Anthony is even more careful than of bodily ones. Union is strength; especially so, is union in prayer, for Christ's promise is on it: "*Where there shall be two or three gathered together in my name, there I am in the midst of them.*" For this reason many men distinguished for their piety and devotion to our Saint, most anxious for the salvation of souls, undertook with the approval of the Most Rev. Father General of the

Friars Minor to institute a universal Pious Union of St Anthony, which should group into one the numerous existing confraternities, enjoy the blessing and sanction of the Holy See and be endowed with rich spiritual advantages.

Aim

The aim of the Pious Union is :

1. To thank God for the miraculous power granted to St Anthony.
2. To implore his powerful intercession.
3. To propagate his devotion.
4. To assist the poor.

Obligations

1. Say daily, three times, *Glory be to the Father, etc.*
2. Recite daily the miraculous Responsory to St Anthony, or if you do not know it by heart, once the Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory be.

3. Give an alms for the poor whenever you have obtained a favour through St Anthony.
4. Receive the Sacraments on the feast of St Anthony (June 13) or within the Octave.

ADVANTAGES

1. *A plenary Indulgence* on the day of admission, or the Sunday following.
2. On the feast of St Anthony (June 13).
3. On the feast of the Translation of his Relics (Feb. 15).
4. On thirteen succeeding Tuesdays, any time in the year, by receiving on those days the Sacraments, visiting some church or public chapel and praying for the intention of the Holy Father.
5. At the hour of death.
6. *Seven years and seven quarantines* on every day of the novena preceeding the feast of St Anthony.
7. *One hundred days Indulgence* by saying

the *Three Glorias*, as above stated in the Obligations.

8 *One hundred days* by praying for the aim of the Union.

9. *Participation in a Holy Mass* said every Tuesday in Rome.

10. A share in all the good works performed by the members of the three Orders of St Francis.

Condition of Admission

Send name and full address to *National Centre*.

N. B. The Centre of the Pious Union is in Rome in the Church of St Anthony, Via Merulana. In *Canada*, the National Centre is The Franciscan Friary, 964 Dorchester St. West, Montreal, P. Q. In the *United States*, Commissariat of the Holy Land, 143 West, 95th Street, New York City.

ST ANTHONY'S BREAD

ITS ORIGIN [1]

" Not many years ago – the whole thing was so quiet, so obscure in its origin, that it may soon be scarcely traceable to the world – a poor and pious woman, a *lingere*, or maker of underlinen, lived her quiet, prayerful life in a tiny *atelier* or workroom in an obscure street in Toulons. It is a bright, busy workful city, this city of the South washed by the blue Mediterranean, and, as in so many of these French cities, there lie many pearls of true holiness within its depths.

" The woman of whom we speak was one of those who in youth had longed for religious

(1) *Mrs. Bartle Teeling – in the Brentwood Catholic Magazine, Sept. 1895.*

life, but, like that other saintly needlewoman, Marie Estelle Harpain, she had, whether from illness or other causes, been unable to obtain her heart's desire. So she remained an humble needlewoman in the world; and, so living, her one secret thought, her one unspoken desire, was that she might 'do some work for God.' She wished, but the work came not; and so she waited and possessed her soul in patience.

"One morning a very simple incident occurred. She came, as usual, to the door of her workroom, and could not turn the key in the lock. In vain did she twist and turn her key; in vain did the locksmith, with his big bunch of every available size and shape, try one after another of his stock: there was nothing for it – the door must be broken open. As the workman went for the necessary tools, a sudden impulse came to Mlle Bouffier, and she made a fervent appeal to St Anthony, promising a donation of 'bon pain blanc' *white* bread, as used by the rich, in con-

tradistinction to the common bread of the lower classes, to be given to the Little Sisters of the Poor, now just about to pass before her door, should it open without being forced.

" The locksmith came back with his tools. 'One moment,' said Mlle Bouffier, 'I have asked St Anthony to open it. Try the key once more.' He put a key, at haphazard, and incredulously enough into the half-fouled lock : it yielded the door flew open and *St Anthony's bread was given for the first time.*

" Mlle Bouffier had never been very much attracted to St Anthony, but she felt that now at least, she must have an image of him, so she bought a little statue, and placed it on the smoke-stained chimney piece in the narrow little workroom.

" The work-girls and the neighbours heard the story, and others began to pray too, some visiting the little statue, others praying at home, but all promising the good Saint that, if their requests were

granted, they would give a 'kilo' or two-pound loaf of bread to the poor: and more and more numerous were the stories of wondrous answers to their prayers. By-and-by, others, even from a distance, made their way to the humble workroom, to place in the hands of the owner their offerings of 'good white bread.' Always, at first, in kind, so much bread for the neediest around. Then money, to be expended on bread only, distributed by the same pious hand; so the thing grew and grew, till the little workroom was inundated by a continual stream of suppliants; and letters, requests and donations poured in unceasingly.

"But the poor lingere would not make her little workroom into a shrine or chapel, or take down her tiny statue from its unromantic position on the chimney-piece, above the smoking *pot-au-feu*, or kettle. It was not to be a local devotion, she said, but a worldwide one. St Anthony heard prayers and granted favours everywhere.

And so, other oratories to the Saint were erected, in Convents and Churches, with boxes for offerings, and for petitions promising bread for the poor. And everywhere it was found that these prayers were heard, and marvellous were the tales of graces obtained : the lost found, the unhoped for attained, the unknown manifested."

Those who wish to practise this devotion, and participate in this charity, should write their request on a piece of paper, adding a promise, that if by the expiration of a given time, St Anthony should secure its fulfilment, a certain sum of money will be given to buy bread for the poor. This petition should then be placed at the feet of Saint Anthony. It will be well to accompany such requests with a Novena of nine days or the Exercises of the Thirteen Tuesdays.

" *Narrent hi qui sentiunt* "

" Let those relate who know it well. "

THE DEVOTIONS

OF THE

NINE AND THIRTEEN TUESDAYS

Saint Anthony died on June 13, 1231, which that year fell on a Friday, but owing to a dispute which arose as to whom his holy remains belonged, he was not buried till Tuesday 17 June. On that day God glorified his beloved servant still more than in the past, and in memory and gratitude for the numerous miracles, the people of Padua consecrated Tuesday as the special day to honour St Anthony: besides this, the general belief was, that the Wonder-worker always heard the prayers of those who besought him on that day. Soon they began to make novenas in his

honour and to burn lights before his holy shrine.

The miracle which gave rise to the devotion of the nine Tuesdays is as follows. A Lady of Bologna, in the year 1617, besought a favour of St Anthony with much fervour and earnestness. For twenty-two years she had vainly desired that her marriage might be blessed with offspring. One night she saw the Saint in a dream. " Visit " he said to her " nine consecutive Tuesdays, my statue in the Church of St Francis. Receive the Body of Jesus each time, and your prayers will be heard." She did as she had been directed and her prayer was heard. The child however was deformed. The pious mother again had recourse to the saint. She had the babe carried to the church and placed on his altar. Whilst this was being done, the mother prayed earnestly. The moment that the little body was laid at the Saint's feet, it became an infant of rare beauty. (1).

(1) Acta Sanctorum. Tom. 23.

The Franciscans soon spread abroad the news of the miracle and recommended the practice of the Nine Tuesdays, with the result that many miracles were wrought. The piety of the faithful added to this devotion, and in many places they continued their devotions for Thirteen consecutive Tuesdays, in remembrance of the death of St Anthony, which occurred on the thirteenth day of June. Holy Church has sanctioned these devotions and granted Indulgences to those who practise them.

PLENARY INDULGENCE

To the faithful, who, on thirteen successive Tuesdays, or as many successive Sundays, once only, at any time during the year, shall spend some time in pious meditation or vocal prayers or any other works of piety, to the glory of God and in the honour of St Anthony of Padua, on the usual conditions ; a plenary indulgence on each of the said Tuesdays or Sundays. This indulgence is applicable to the Souls in Purgatory. LEO XIII. March, 1, 1898.

FIRST TUESDAY

OH STAR OF SPAIN!

O SIDUS HISPANIAE!

One of Saint Anthony's early biographers (1) opens the first chapter of his life, by declaring that our Saint "*shone in his day as the morning star in the midst of a cloud.*" St Anthony was born in the City of Lisbon, Portugal, 1195. His parents were of noble blood, Martin de Bouillon and Mary Teresa Tavera. This child of predilection was given the name of Ferdinand in holy Baptism. From his infancy he was trained to piety. Born on the feast of Mary's Assumption "his pious mother taught him to repeat frequently the Angelic

(1) John Rigaud.

Salutation, and to consecrate himself daily to the Blessed Virgin." (1)

As a child, we are told, his prayer was angelic, and his greatest pleasure was to hear expounded the doctrines of our holy Faith.

The prayer of the humble shall penetrate the clouds ; it will rise continually till it reaches the feet of the Eternal God, Who will receive it favorably. That is why Origen said : " A saint has more power when he prays than five hundred proud men, when they fight." ST ANTHONY

Saint Anthony of Padua, pray for us.

PRAYER

Glorious Saint Anthony, Father and Protector of the afflicted I earnestly ask thee to accept my poor and unworthy pray-

(1) Angelico de Vicence, cap. 1.

ers. Obtain for me from God the grace to support the sufferings, contradictions and crosses of this life, with courage and patience. I ask this favour through the great mercy of God which called thee to His service from thy very infancy – Amen.

13 Our Fathers, Hail Mary's and Glorias. (1)

(1) To the faithful who shall say thirteen *Paters, Aves and Glorias* in honour of St Anthony of Padua an indulgence of 100 days, once a day – Leo XIII, June 9, 1896.

SECOND TUESDAY

FATHER IN SCIENCE

LATEL SCHEITLE

In the flower of his age, Saint Anthony joined the religious life under the rule of St Augustine " *This learned father was proud of a son so accomplished as St Anthony.*" (1) sings Holy Church in her liturgy for the saint's feast. In the cloister He progressed in holiness and wisdom before God and man. He gave himself up to the study of Sacred Scripture and the writings of the Fathers of the Church. We are told " that his memory was phenominal and that it served him in the place of books. In a short time he was filled with knowledge " (2). But

(1) Office of St Anthony
(2) John Rigaud. Cap. 2.

he hid his talents from those around him, and remembering that knowledge puffs men up with pride, he desired to be regarded by others as ignorant and without learning.

" None among the blessed is so blessed, none among the happy so happy, as he who always bears God in his heart."

ST ANTHONY.

St Anthony helper in necessities
pray for us

PRAYER

O Blessed Anthony, whose whole life was one continual aspiration for the things of God, how different are my desires from thine. The hunger I feel for the perishable goods of the world and the thirst for its vain pleasures consume me, and I am almost disgusted with the things of the soul. Obtain for me the grace to

work continually for my eternal salvation and sanctification ; to seek at all times the kingdom of God and His justice and then, according to the promise of Jesus, all other things shall be given to me.

13 Our Fathers, Hail Marys and Glorys.

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Glorys.

THIRD TUESDAY

PEARL OF POVERTY

GEMMA PAUPERTATIS

Ferdinand de Bouillon was not called to a contemplative life, as he at first imagined; but God destined him for the newly founded Order of St Francis of Assisi. Our Saint, as guest master of the monastery of Coimbra, had hospitably received a number of these poor Friars, on their way to evangelize Morocco. When they had received the crown of martyrdom, the young Canon was again chosen to receive their glorious bodies. "He himself felt the interior call to imitate these champions of the faith, to drink for the love of Jesus Christ, the chalice of Martyrdom." (1)

(1) Vita anonyma.

He asked permission to join the ranks of these intrepid missionaries. The friars were overjoyed to receive such a promising postulant. With the habit of the "Poor Man of Assisi," Ferdinand de Bouillon took the name that was to become the talisman of our day. Henceforward he was to be known as Anthony. The distinctive characteristic of the Order of Friars Minor has always been, the practice of evangelical poverty. St Anthony's ideal was to become the perfect imitator of his Seraphic Father, in all things but especially in the practice of holy poverty.

Our charity should be like gold, pure and radiant. Thus our love should be pure for God, and radiant for our neighbours.

ST ANTHONY.

St Anthony chosen intercessor

pray for us

O Worthy son of the Patriarch of the Poor, Glorious Saint Anthony! Ravished by the charm of evangelical poverty, which thou so faithfully practised, I would wish to be truly poor in spirit, in order to possess the kingdom of heaven. Deign to obtain for me from Jesus the grace of detachment from all earthly riches, that I may set my heart only on the ineffable treasures God has reserved for them that love Him. Amen.

13 Our Fathers, Hail Marys and Glorys

FOURTH TUESDAY

EXAMPLE OF PURITY

VIRGIN IMITATIO

At the age of five years, Saint Anthony made a vow of perpetual virginity before the altar of the Queen of Virgins, thereby wishing to honour the purity of the Mother of God. (1)

" Though the world placed before his eyes, its vicious attractions, St Anthony never once relaxed his hold upon his passions ; but leading a pure and holy life and seeking only to please God, he subjected his body to the dictates of an upright reason." (2).

(1) Vita anonyma.
(2) Vita anonyma.

A religious of the abbey of Solignac was greatly tormented by temptations against the holy virtue, and though he had practised penance of all kinds, he could not banish the temptor. St Anthony delivered him, for ever, from the attacks of the enemy by divesting himself of his holy habit and clothing the religious therewith. (1).

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The blind are exposed to the danger of false money being given them, of eating unwholesome food, of walking in the muddy part of the road, and of falling into the ditch by the wayside. The man who has no faith incurs these risks in respect of things connected with moral life.

St Anthony of Padua.

St Anthony terror of evil spirits
pray for us

(1) Liber Miraculorum.

PRAYER

O purest Saint Anthony, who through thy angelic virtue hast been made worthy to be caressed by Jesus, to hold Him in thy arms and press Him to thy heart, I entreat thee to cast a benevolent glance upon me, a poor sinner. By the mere touch of thy garment, thou hast communicated that most precious of all gifts, holy purity. Oh deliver me by thy powerful intercession from all thoughts and actions against the holy virtue that I may become a pleasing object in the eyes of Jesus and His Immaculate Mother. Amen.

13 Our Fathers, Hail Marys and Glorys.

FIFTH TUESDAY

LIGHT OF ITALY

LUMEN ITALIÆ

Anxious to spread the good news of the Gospel of Christ among the infidels or to shed his blood for the holy cause, St Anthony went to Morocco. Sickness however prevented him from beginning his work, and he decided to return to his native home once again. The ship which bore him, was wrecked off the coast of Sicily, and from there, St Anthony set out for Assisi, where St Francis was to hold a chapter of his Order. Strange are God's designs and wonderful His ways. To accomplish the Will of God and to save souls, our Saint had to leave his own country and to work in a strange land. He was to merit

by his virtues, learning and miracles to be surnamed the "Light of Italy."

The countryman blindfolds the ass which is to turn the millstone and strikes it with his stick. So too, the devil hides heaven from the worldly man, obliges him to turn the millstone of vanity, and strikes him with the rod of covetousness.

St Anthony of Padua

St Anthony martyr in desiring to die for Christ prayed for us

PRAYER

O Glorious Saint Anthony, perfect model of humility, thou didst strive to pass as of little account, and unknown to those around thee. I, on the contrary am ever in search of praise and wish to be well thought of by men. Dispel this wickedness and give me to understand the true

value of humility. Teach me to despise the empty honours and flatteries of the world and to desire nothing more than the good pleasure of God. Amen.

13 Our Fathers, Hail Marys and Glorys.

SIXTH TUESDAY

MAGNIFICENT PREACHER

IMMACULATE MARIAN

After the chapter held in Assisi we find Saint Anthony in a small out-of-the-way friary at Monte Paulo in the Province of Romagna. Here he lived in contemplation and study, unknown to everyone. Obedience, however, obliged him to preach on one occasion at Forli, where a number of Franciscans and Dominicans were gathered together to receive holy Orders. He began to speak, clothing his thoughts in simple phrase. But soon the Holy Spirit seemed to be guiding his tongue. With growing feeling, he fell to exposing in clear, concise and even brilliant style so sublime a doc-

trine that the brethren were transported with admiration. His elevation of thought and powerful eloquence subdued them, whilst his zeal and loving disposition edified them greatly.

To bear the name of Christian and to leave aside the obligations of religion is to scoff at God. ST ANTHONY.

St Anthony worthy priest of God
pray for us

PRAYER

O most marvellous of preachers, St Anthony, thou wert sent by God to root out vice and implant virtue into the hearts of thy hearers. Thy words were heard and harkened to by obdurate sinners whom thou didst place on the road of truth and life. Grant me the grace to preach by good example and by the faithful discharge of my duties in life, so that imitating thee in

all things I may for ever remain under thy protection.

13 Our Fathers, Hail Marys and Glorys.

SEVENTH TUESDAY

DOCTOR OF TRUTH

DOCTOR VERITATIS

The fame of the sermon at Forli soon spread abroad and even came to the ears of St Francis, who understood that at last he had found a teacher according to his own heart, one who could instruct the brethren and at the same time inflame them with the love of God. The Seraphic Father named Saint Anthony Lector of Theology. Some of the biographers of our Saint have handed down to us the letter of St Francis as follows:

To his beloved Brother Anthony
Brother Francis
Wishes health in the Lord.

I am willing that thou shouldst interpret

sacred Theology to the brethren in such manner, however, that the spirit of prayer, as I most ardently desire, be not extinguished in thyself and others, according to the rule which we follow,

Farewell

Perhaps thou art proud O man, of thy wisdom and eloquence ? Remember that God alone gives wisdom and eloquence. He alone makes the dumb speak and the deaf hear. ST ANTHONY.

St Anthony guide of the erring

pray for us

PRAYER

O Light of the world, St Anthony, I ask of thee to obtain for me the knowledge of those truths necessary for the salvation of my own soul and the souls of those entrusted

(1) Wadding Annales Minorum.

to my care. Never permit me to be led into error, or to be overcome by any adversity or temptation, in order that walking in the paths of all truth I may come through thy intercession to the glory of the Blessed.

Amen.

13 Our Fathers, Hail Marys and Glorys.

EIGHTH TUESDAY

[illegible] OF HERETICS

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Saint Anthony was sent with other Friars to France, where the Albigenses, a dangerous sect of heretics, were causing great havoc in the Church. " He was so well prepared," says the anonymous author of his life, (1) with decisive texts taken from Holy Writ, and his proofs were so substantial and evident that the heretics did not dare to meet him, nor open their lips to answer him. He was quick to perceive their subterfuges and snares and thwarted all their plans. He disclosed

(1) Vita Anonyma.

their infamous doctrines and upbraided them for their scandals. It was publicly acknowledged that never before Saint Anthony had they encountered such an adversary." He was universally known as the "Hammer of the Heretics" His efforts were fruitful in good results. He not only confounded his hearers, he converted a great number also.

" Everyone will receive what he asks for, in accordance with the extent of his faith."

ST ANTHONY

St Anthony pillar of the Church,

pray for us

PRAYER

O Great Saint Anthony, to whom God gave the power of confounding heresy and converting its partisans, grant that we may know the truths of our holy Faith and be able to defend the Church of God against

her enemies. Enlighten, we beseech thee those who are not of the fold, that they too may know the truth and be brought to the unity of the Catholic Church, the one, only church established on earth by Jesus Christ. Amen.

13 Our Fathers, Hail Marys and Glorys.

NINTH TUESDAY

ARK OF THE TESTAMENT

OF A TESTAMENT:

From France, where he had worked innumerable miracles and accomplished great deeds, for the name of Jesus, St Anthony returned to Italy, where he was already known as an eloquent preacher. Pope Honorius III invited him to preach in Rome during Lent, and such was the success of his mission that the whole population did public penance for their sins. Pope Gregory IX. in the meantime had succeeded Honorius. He had heard of the prodigious ability of this man of God and was anxious to see and hear him. Once he heard St Anthony, he was captivated

with his sermons. He admired his knowledge of Holy Scripture, the manner in which he retained both the letter and meaning and the address with which he applied the sacred text to the different dispositions of souls. It was on that occasion that the Pope conferred on the humble son of St Francis the glorious title of " Arch of the Testament."

Touch by faith and grasp by good works, the hem of the garment of our Lord's Passion. In this way God comes into direct contact with human misery. You will then hear the sweet words " Fear not, my child, your faith has saved you."

St Anthony teacher of truth

pray for us

PRAYER.

O Illustrious St Anthony, who, by the abundance of God's blessing didst become

a vessel of election, I beseech thee hear my supplications and obtain for me that God in His bounty will give me His Grace to think of nothing, to speak of nothing, to do nothing but what will tend to His greater honour and glory and the salvation of my soul. I ask this favour through the graces which thou didst receive from the hands of God.

13 Our Fathers, Hail Marys and Glorys.

TENTH TUESDAY

BRILLIANT SUN OF PADUA

SOL NITENS PADUÆ

St Anthony was to be the treasure and the glory of Padua, a city he had saved from the tyrant Ezzelino, who had spread terror into the surrounding country. Worn out by his incessant labours, our Saint felt that his end was approaching. Looking back on Padua, one day, from a height that stood out towards the City, the incomparable beauty of its site, its stately mansions, its rich fields, and lordly plain had drawn from him a burst of emotion and warm words of praise. Then lifting his vision above all its natural charms he told the brother who stood at his side, that soon a great honour would be conferred

upon the beloved city. That honour came to Padua, with the precious body of St. Anthony. St Anthony desired to be transferred from the friary at Campietro to that of St Mary in Padua but owing to his declining strength he was forced to ask hospitality from the Poor Clares. Here St Anthony confessed his faults and received absolution. Then with a clear and melodious voice he sang his much-loved hymn to the Mother of God " *O Gloriosa Domina.*" A few moments after St Anthony breathed his last. Tranquil beauty as of sleep seemed to enfold the soulless body with a grace and attractiveness it had not borne so markedly in life. The people of Padua to whom the sad news was broken by a troup of children crying through the streets : " The Saint is dead, the Saint is dead," have built a magnificent temple in honour of their glorious patron and protector.

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The love of God should reign in men's hearts in time of adversity and in time of prosperity. ST ANTHONY.

St Anthony continuous worker of miracles

pray for us

PRAYER.

Glorious St Anthony, who didst crown a wonderful life by a beautiful death, happy art thou to have understood the vanity and emptiness of this poor world of ours, and to have valued, loved and sought only Jesus Crucified. O my holy patron make known to me the divine charms of the Heart of Jesus, that I may live henceforth for Him alone. Turn my thoughts and desires towards heaven, and when my end is nigh, protect me and save me in that dread hour.

13 Our Fathers, Hail Marys and Glorys.

ELEVENTH TUESDAY

WHERE OF THINGS LOST
AND LEGITIMATE POSSESSORS

" Every one knows that St Anthony of Padua was predestined by God to return to the rightful owners things that are lost by chance or that are stolen by thieves." (1). Tradition has assigned to St Anthony the special power of finding lost objects. Liturgy, historical facts, the testimony of writers and the affirmation of preachers are proofs of our assertions. Thus Pelbarts, a Franciscan, says that God glorified St Anthony during life with the power of converting souls, now after his death, his prerogative is to return miraculously things

(1) Analecta apud Bolland.

lost to those who have recourse to him. (2) Portugal was the first country where this devotion began, but it rapidly spread throughout the whole world. The origin thereof is, in all probability, the number of prodigies of this nature which the saint worked after his death. A great many wonders have been worked after the recitation of the *Si quaeris Miracula* or Miraculous Response, as it is called.

God's mercy is always greater than the sinner's malice. ST ANTHONY.

St Anthony restorer of things lost

pray for us

PRAYER

O Blessed Anthony, to whom God has accorded the privilege of restoring things lost, I earnestly beseech thine aid in recovering the grace of God, which, by my

(2) Vita anonyma Elogia.

fault I have lost. In all my temporal needs I fly to thee as an advocate, but how slow I am to turn to thee in my spiritual necessities. O patron Saint I ask thee to obtain for me the grace to understand better and to value more the things of God. St Anthony teach me how to pray.

13 Our Fathers, Hail Marys and Glorys.

TWELFTH TUESDAY

GLORY OF THE FRANCISCAN ORDER

In the XIII. century God sent the great St Francis of Assisi to re-enkindle the fire of Divine love which for a long time had laid smoldering in men's hearts. By his example far more than by his preaching he was to teach men that true peace comes with the practise of voluntary poverty, perfect chastity and loyal obedience to Church and legitimate authority. This was not only the personal work of the Seraphic Poverello. The religious family that he founded was to continue his life and actions. None, however, have come so close to their glorious founder as the great Saint Anthony of Padua. He inherits from St Francis the spirit of detachment

and self-sacrifice, the spirit of supernatural illumination and of seraphic fervour, the spirit of profound humility and of apostolic zeal, the spirit of prophecy and of miracles, and this to such a degree, that he has received and still bears the appropriate title of Wonderworker.

Watered by abundant grace, the soul becomes a fertile soil where milk and honey flow. Milk nourishes, honey softens, thus the love of God nourishes the soul and makes it increase in virtue, it softens the wounds of affliction. ST ANTHONY.

St Anthony protector of little children
pray for us

PRAYER

O Anthony, Glory of thy Order, and model of all virtue, grant that like thee I may possess faith fruitful in good works, hope that will never waver, perfect charity,

true peace of heart, patience in all adversity, an even temper with everyone. I also seek through thy intercession, pardon for my sins together with a firm purpose of amendment. All these graces I ask through thy merits, O heavenly patron of poor misguided sinners.

13 Our Fathers, Hail Marys and Glorys.

THIRTEENTH TUESDAY

SAINT OF THE WHOLE WORLD

Pope Leo XIII once addressing Don Locatelli, a great admirer and client of Saint Anthony, asked : " Where are you from ?" " From Padua, your Holiness." " And do you love your Saint ?" " Love him, Holy Father indeed, yes ; I was born and bred within sight of His tomb and I bear his name." " My son, " said the Pontiff, " it is not enough not only must you love him, but you must make him loved, for, mark me well, St Anthony is the Saint, not only of Padua, but of the whole world." To see how true the words of the Pontiff are, we have but to look around us, go where we will, we see the statue, the altar of St Anthony, we hear his power

proclaimed, and as a proof we have but to listen to those who tell us in a tone of discouragement "St Anthony does nothing for me." These clients are few in comparison with those for whom St Anthony does everything.

The mercy of God has a threefold effect upon us, it purifies our soul from the stains of sin, it enriches us with supernatural gifts and fills us with heavenly bliss.

ST ANTHONY.

St Anthony who hold the Infant Jesus in thy arms, pray for us

PRAYER

Great Saint Anthony of Padua, I choose thee and I desire thee to be my special patron, my advocate at the throne of God and the guide of my life. I promise to honour thee under this title, to love thee and serve thee as long as I live, and also to extend to the best of my power devotion

to thee. I also pledge myself never to say or do anything that may dishonour thee, I entreat thee to receive me as thy true servant, to intercede for me with God, to obtain for me all the graces I need, to avert from me all dangers of body and soul, to assist me, to console me and to defend me even till the last moment of my life, in order that with thee in heaven I may eternally bless God.

13 Our Fathers, Hail Marys and Glorys.

PRAYERS

IN HONOUR OF ST ANTONY

The Miraculous Responsary of St Anthony of Padua (1)

If then you ask for miracles
Death, error, all calamities
The leprous stain and demons fly
And health succeeds infirmities.

The Sea obeys, and fetters break
And lifeless limbs thou dost restore,
While treasures lost are found again
When young and old thine aid implore.

(1) 100 days indulgence, each time ; plenary once a month. P. Pius IX, 2 Jan. 1866.

All dangers vanish at thy prayer
And direst need doth quickly flee,
Let those who know thy power proclaim
Let Paduans say – These are of thee.

The Sea obeys, etc.

To the Father, Son, may glory be
And Holy Ghost eternally.

The Sea obeys, etc.

V. Pray for us blessed Anthony.
R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

LET US PRAY

O God, may the votive commemoration of Blessed Anthony, Thy Confessor, be a source of joy to Thy Church, that she may be always fortified with spiritual assistance, and deserve to enjoy eternal rewards. Through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Antiphon of St Bonaventure to the Tongue of St Anthony [1]

" O Blessed tongue which always didst bless the Lord, and cause others to bless Him, now does it appear plainly how highly thou wert esteemed by God.

℣. Pray for us, Saint Anthony.

℟. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

(1) Thirty-two years after the death of St Anthony, his relics were translated into the beautiful church erected to his memory. St Bonaventure, General of the Order of Friars Minor presided at the ceremony. When the holy remains were exhumed the body was entirely consumed, but the tongue of the Saint remained as fresh, as ruddy and as beautiful as if the holy man had died but an hour before. St Bonaventure raised the sacred relic with reverence, and transported with joy he pronounced the antiphon *O Lingua Benedicta*, which has now become part of the liturgy in St Anthony's honour.

LET US PRAY

O Almighty God, who alone dost perform prodigies and wonders, grant, we beseech thee, that as thou didst preserve the tongue of thy holy Confessor, St Anthony, incorrupt after death, we, through his merits and after his example, may be worthy of blessing and praising Thee forever. Amen.

Anthem to St Anthony

O Hispania's progeny,
Fear of all the faithless host,
Light newborn of Italy,
Buried treasure, matchless boast
Of the Paduan city :
Anthony, with patron power
Jesus' grace for us obtain,
Lest the briefly granted hour
To the fallen, flow in vain,
Time of heavenly pity.

O Beautiful star of Spain, Pearl of poverty, Anthony Father of science, Model of purity, Light of Italy, Doctor of truth, Thou shinest at Padua as a brilliant sun, by the wonders thou workest.

℣. Illustrious Preacher, Most Blessed Anthony, Pray for us.

℟. That through thy intercession we may obtain the glories of eternal life.

LET US PRAY

We beseech Thee, O Lord, may the devout and constant intercession of Blessed Anthony, thy Confessor, assist thy people ; may it render us worthy of Thy grace in this life and in the future obtain for us eternal happiness through Christ our Lord. Amen.

St Anthony's Blessing (1)

Behold the cross ✠ of the Lord !
Fly ye evil powers
The Lion of the tribe of Juda
The root of David has conquered !
Alleluia ! Alleluia !

100 days indulgence, once a day, applicable to the souls in Purgatory, Leo XIII, 21 May, 1992.

(1) The origin of this blessing is found in the *Acta Sanctorum* (T. III JUNII. DE ST ANT.) In the reign of King Denis of Portugal, a woman was greatly tempted by the Devil to throw herself into the River Tagus. One day she was on the point of giving way to the temptation. On her way she passed a Franciscan Church and entering she pronounced a last prayer to St Anthony of Padua. Worn out by fatigue, the desolate creature fell asleep and in a dream St Anthony appeared to her to deter her from her project. At the same time he gave her a piece of parchment, which she was always to carry with her. On awakening she found the precious gift suspended from her neck and the writing thereon were the words since known as St Anthony's Blessing. She soon ex-

Salutation to St Anthony

I salute and honour thee, O blessed Anthony in the most sweet Heart of Jesus, and I thank Him for all the graces with which He so lavishly endowed thee. To increase thy glory I offer to the most holy Trinity for thee this divine Heart, humbly beseeching thee to be always my faithful guide, and not to allow me to die in sin. Amen.

perienced the efficacy of this blessing, the temptation completely vanished. The King hearing of this wonderful document, wished to see it and ordered that it should be brought to him. His orders were obeyed, but no sooner had the woman been dispossessed of her treasure, than she was again assailed by her enemy. A copy was given to her and again the temptation ceased, and never returned again. The Blessing was used hereafter throughout the world with wonderful results

An Act of Consecration to St. Anthony

O Glorious Saint Anthony, servant and friend of God, I salute thee through the most loving heart of our Divine Saviour Jesus Christ, whom thou didst bear in thy pure arms under the form of a child. I choose thee to-day as my patron, advocate and father, I place all my cares and temptations in thy hands. I earnestly resolve never to forsake thee.

Great Saint, Lily of celestial purity, and vanquisher of concupiscence, obtain for me and all thy other clients perfect purity of body and soul.

I also, in imitation of thy zeal, promise to lead others to the knowledge, the love and the service of God through my own example and counsel.

Prayer to St Anthony for the Restoration of Things Lost or Stolen

O Blessed Anthony, the grace of God has made thee a powerfu advocate in all necessities and a wonderful finder of things lost or stolen : to thee I turn today with childlike love and confidence. Oh how many thousands hast thou miraculously aided in the recovery of lost goods. Thou wast the consoler of the erring, the comforter of the sorrowful, the healer of the sick, the raiser of the dead, the deliverer of the captive, the refuge of the afflicted : to thee do I hasten, O Blessed St Anthony. Help me in my present affliction. I recommend what I have lost (*name it*) to thy care, in the firm hope that thou wilt restore it to me if it be to the greater glory of God and to the spiritual benefit of my soul, that I may praise and thank thee in time and eternity, for thy glorious intercession in my behalf. Amen.

Prayer to St Anthony
for the Recovery of Lost Graces

O Great and faithful friend of the Lord, who by thy great purity of heart, didst merit to see and converse with Jesus face to face even in this life, thou to whom He has granted according to the firm belief of the faithful, the gift of recovering for those who invoke thee the precious gifts which they had lost, obtain for us (*or for N.*) by thy prayers and merits, all the holy friendship and union with God which we should have had if we had always been faithful to Him. Amen.

Prayer to St Anthony
to obtain the grace of Chastity

O most chaste St Anthony, who through thy purity wast familiar with the angels

with Mary the Virgin of virgins, and with Jesus the Lily of the Valley, oh look down upon me with an eye of mercy and bountifully obtain for me holiness both of soul and body. Purify my senses, my heart and my mind, so that, free from all uncleanness in thought and action, I may imitate that angelic virtue with which thou wast so abundantly provided as to communicate it to everyone with but a touch of thy garment. Grant I beseech thee, my prayer, so that I may please Jesus and His Holy Mother, whom thou didst love so much, and by thy intercession may I enjoy the bliss of heaven for ever. Amen.

Prayer to St Anthony for the Happy Choice of a state in Life

O Blessed St Anthony, thou wast especially enlightened by God to know the station in life wherein thou didst attain such a high degree of holiness : graciously obtain for me I beseech thee the grace

from God that I may be able to embrace in spite of all obstacles the station in life to which I am called and in which I may more easily attain eternal salvation. Amen.

Prayer for the Sick

O dear St Anthony, Heavenly physician of body and soul how many hast Thou miraculously cured. Thou hast restored sight to the blind who sought thy assistance hearing to the deaf, and use of their limbs to the lame.

When all human aid was powerless in bodily sickness, O good St Anthony, thou didst always listen to the petition of the afflicted.

Hence we, too, hope for comfort and freedom from all ailment, and therefore, fly to thy Patronage for help, well knowing that thou canst and wilt assist us.

Come then to our aid, O beloved Saint, and abandon us not, so that we may ever praise thy miraculous healing power. Amen.

Prayer in Affliction and anxiety (1)
before a statue of St Anthony

O Good and loving Jesus, safe refuge of my needy soul, here at thy feet I implore Thee, by the love which St Anthony bore Thee, and by the love of Thy Sacred Heart, which induced Thee to appear to him in the form of a gracious little Child, in order to caress and comfort him : come to me in my present need and sore affliction. Come as my loving Father and God, and relieve me in my necessities. In Thee alone do I place all my hope and confidence.

O my dear patron, St Anthony, intercede for me before the throne of God and help me in my necessities, so that like so many others whom thou hast aided I may be able to exclaim with a joyful heart : Blessed be God, Who truly lives and reigns in His servant, St Anthony. Amen.

(1) This prayer could very well be said on the Tuesdays before the Blessed Sacrament exposed in honour of St Anthony.

A *Plenary Indulgence* may be gained each Tuesday by visiting a Franciscan Church where the Blessed Sacrament is exposed, in honour of St Anthony. Besides the visit one must have confessed his sins and received Holy Communion and prayed for the intentions of the Pope. [July 3, 1894.]

Prayer in need and affliction

O dear St Anthony, father of the poor and afflicted, I a poor sinner, seek thy help and counsel and fly to thy care and protection. Have mercy on me, St Anthony. Oh, have mercy on me, for the hand of the Lord has touched me, and divine justice has visited me for my sins. O loving patron, behold my miserable condition and the bitter anguish of my heart. Intercede for me with my loving Saviour that this bitter chalice may pass from me; yet not my will but His, be done in thy poor servant. Amen.

Miraculous prayer in all needs.

O Glorious St Anthony, sure refuge of the afflicted and distressed, I'a poor sinner come to thee with hope, love and confidence.

I pour forth my prayer to thee, I implore thy aid, thy protection and thy blessing.

O dearly beloved Saint, I implore Thee grant the favour I now so earnestly ask ; (name it) provided that it be in accordance with the will of God and the welfare of my soul. Should such, however, not be the case, obtain for me such other grace as may be conducive to my salvation. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer of [illegible] to St Anthony

We salute thee, St Anthony, lily of purity, ornament and glory of Christianity. We salute thee, great saint, cherub of wisdom and seraph of divine love. We rejoice at the favours Our Lord has so liber-

ally bestowed on thee. In humility and confidence we entreat thee to help us, for we know that God has given thee charity and pity as well as power.

Behold then our distress, our anxiety, our fears concerning (here name your request). Help us we beseech thee by the love thou didst feel towards the amiable little Jesus, when he covered thee with His caresses: Oh tell him now of our wants. Oh, remember how complete thy bliss was when thou didst hold him to thy breast didst press thy cheek to His, and didst listen to His sweet voice. We salute thee in spirit, O glorious favorite of God, and bow our guilty heads before thee in humble reverence, whilst we raise our sad hearts full of hope towards heaven and thee: for He who placed himself in thy arms will now fill thy hands with all we ask of thee.

Give us then, what we desire, angel of love, and we will make known the wondrous efficacy of thy intercession for the honour and glory of God. Amen.

Thirteen Invocations to St Anthony.

(Petitions taken from the Miraculous Responsary).

1. St Anthony, who didst raise the dead, pray for those who are in their last agony, and for the souls of the departed.
   Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory, etc.

2. St Anthony, zealous apostle of the Gospel, guard us against the errors of God's enemies, pray for the Pope, for the Church and for our Country.
   Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory, etc.

3. St Anthony, powerful advocate shield us from all calamities which our sins draw down upon us.
   Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory, etc.

4. St Anthony, who didst put demons to flight, help us to avoid their snares.
   Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory, etc.

5. St Anthony, lily of angelic purity,

purify us from the stains on our soul and avert all danger from our bodies.
Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory, etc.

6. St Anthony, healer of the sick, cure our sick and bless us with good health.
Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory, etc.

7. St Anthony, guide of the traveller, bring safe to port those in danger of being eternally lost, calm the troubled sea of our passions which disturb our souls.
Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory, etc.

8. St Anthony, Deliverer of captives, free us from the slavery of sin.
Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory, etc

9. St Anthony, who didst restore to young and old the use of their limbs, grant us the perfect use of our bodily senses and of the powers of our soul.
Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory, etc.

10. St Anthony, who didst find things lost, help us to recover all that we have lost both as regards our spiritual life and our temporal possessions.
Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory, etc.

11. St Anthony privileged child of Mary keep far from us all dangers of soul and body.
Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory, etc.

12. St Anthony, who dost succour all those in need, help us in our necessities and find bread and work for those who implore these favours of thee.
Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory, etc.

13. St Anthony, we gratefully proclaim thy miraculous power, and thanking thee for the past, we ask thee to protect us all the days of our life and at the hour of our death.
Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory, etc.

Recite the *Miraculous Responsary* to ensure a favorable answer to all these supplications.

Appeal Prayer to St Anthony

St Anthony, whom the Infant Jesus loved and honoured so much, grant us what we ask of thee.

St Anthony, powerful in word and work, grant us (*here mention intention*).

St Anthony, attentive to those who invoke thee, grant us the aid of thy powerful intercession for the grace of holy purity, meekness and obedience.

St Anthony, pray for our priests, relations and benefactors, and for all in authority, both in Church and State.

St Anthony, Protector and Guardian of little children, pray for us. Dear St Anthony, hear our prayers and let our cry come unto thee.

Prayer to the Infant Jesus in the Arms of St Anthony

O Sweet Little Jesus, my Saviour; Who didst vouchsafe, to appear to St Anthony, I implore Thee, through the love Thou didst bear to this Saint when he dwelt on earth, and which Thou now bearest to him in heaven, graciously hear my prayer, and assist me in my needs.

And thou dear St Anthony, Lily of Purity and Seraph of divine Love, I beseech thee, to tell the amiable Little Jesus of all my wants; for He, Who so often lay lovingly in thy arms will not refuse to fill thy hands with most precious gifts for me. Amen.

[illegible] Hymn to the Blessed Virgin.

O Glorious Virgin, ever blest,
All Daughters of Mankind above,
Who gavest nurture from thy breast
To God with pure maternal love.

What we have lost through sinful Eve,
The blossom sprung from Thee restores,
And granting bliss to souls that grieve,
Unbars the everlasting doors.

O gate through which has passed the King ;
O hall whence light shone through the gloom ;
The ransomed nations praise and sing
The offspring of the Virgin womb ;

Praise from mankind and heaven's host
To Jesus of a Virgin sprung,
To Father and to Holy Ghost,
Be equal glory, ever sung. Amen.

Prayer of St. Anthony to the Blessed Virgin

O Mary; Virgin before the divine Birth, guard my body and soul.

Hail Mary, etc.

O Mary: Virgin during the divine Birth, guard my body and soul.

Hail Mary, etc.

O Mary; Virgin after the divine Birth, guard my body and soul.

Hail Mary, etc.

The Sacred Congregation of Indulgences by a decree of May 20, 1893, modified these invocations and granted an indulgence of 100 days, once a day to those who recite them with fervour, *as follow.*

Virgin before the Birth, Pray for us.

Hail Mary.

Virgin during the Birth, Pray for us.

Hail Mary.

Virgin after the Birth, Pray for us.

Hail Mary.

Novena to St Anthony of Padua

(To be recited on nine consecutive days).

Glorious St Anthony, who from thy earliest years was consecrated to the service of God, and didst practise the greatest austerities; who, devoured with zeal for justice, didst cause thyself to be conveyed to the coast of Africa that thou mightest preach the Gospel to the Saracens: obtain for us the grace to apply ourselves continually to the service of God, to our personal mortification, and the salvation of our fellow-men that we may become true disciples and faithful imitations of Jesus Christ.

Glory be, etc.

Glorious St Anthony, thou didst hide thy rare talents with the greatest care, and didst suffer patiently the contempt of men: obtain for us grace to despise the esteem and the honours of the world, and always increase in merit before God.

Glory be, etc.

Glorious St Anthony who by thy sanctity and thy eloquence didst triumph over the hardest hearts, obtain for us grace of remission of past offences and firm purpose of avoiding sin in the future.

Glory be, etc.

Glorious St Anthony, who wast so frequently glorified by the most wonderful miracles: obtain for us grace so to live as to merit from the most High, His choicest favours.

Glory be, etc.

Glorious St Anthony, who from the tender devotion which thou didst always show to Jesus, didst merit to receive the holy Infant in thy arms, and also to be visited and consoled by Him in thy agony: obtain for us grace to walk in holiness and justice all the days of our life, and to enjoy at our death the consolations of the just, and the glory of the blessed in heaven.

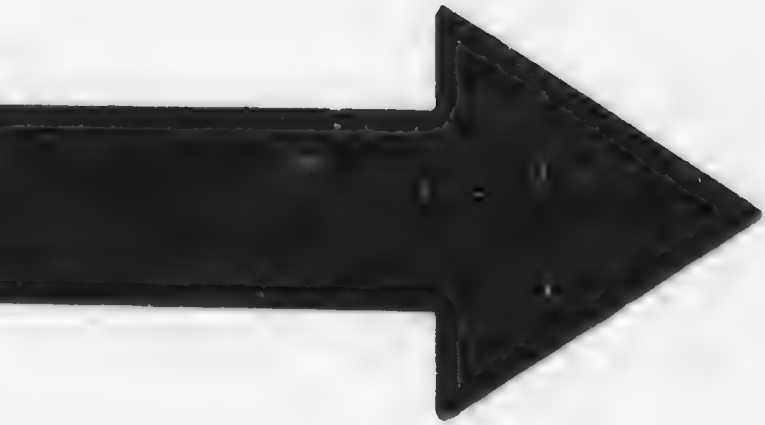
Glory be, etc.

Prayer to St Anthony (1)

Glorious Wonder-worker, Father of the Poor, who in a miraculous manner didst disclose a miser's heart buried in his gold, because thou hast received a heart devoted to the consolation of the needy, and who, when offering our prayers to the Lord, obtainest their gracious hearing accept as a token of gratitude the alms which we place before thee in aid of the poor. Grant that they may prove to the advantage of the suffering and to our own benefit. In thy wonted benevolence assist us in our temporal necessities, but especially in our spiritual wants, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

100 days Indulgence once a day.

(1) Composed by Cardinal Parochi for those who practise the charity of St Anthony's Bread.



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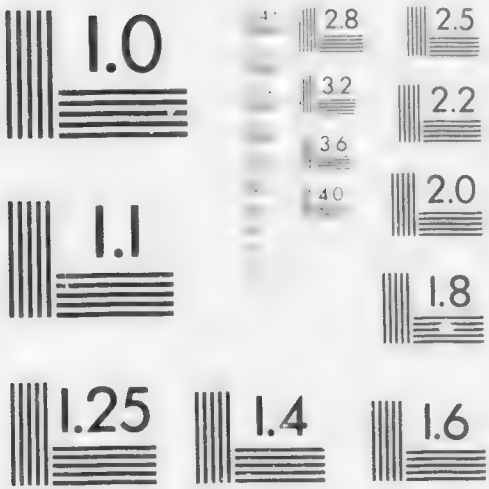

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APPENDIX

ST ANTHONY'S LILIES

The Revolution had expelled the Friars from their home in the quiet town of Marcasso, Sicily, but by some extraordinary favour, the church had been left open for public worship.

Each year the people of the town and its surroundings, would be seen making their way to the deserted chapel in order to prepare for the feast of St Anthony. On that day a procession in which clergy and people participated, was organized in honour of the Saint and public devotions were held in the tiny sanctuary which once belonged to the children of St Francis.

For this occasion, a temporary altar was

raised in the centre of the main aisle. Garlands of flowers hung above the head of the statue, whilst a cluster of lovely bouquets was laid at the Saint's feet. Among the roses and other blossoms, spotlessly white lilies stood out beautifully from the green background of laurel and myrtle.

After the feast, the people were wont to take to their homes pieces of green from the altar, and these pious souvenirs were kept with religious care.

One year the young man who had acted as sacristan, engrossed by other matters had found no time to replace St Anthony's statue in its usual niche. Several months elapsed before he was able to accomplish his task. Accompanied by a few friends he made his way to the abandoned chapel. The first thing he noticed was a beautiful bunch of white lilies which seemed at first sight to have been but recently placed at the Saint's feet. His wonder increased as approaching the altar he discerned the

withered roses and evergreens that had adorned the shrine on the feast of St Anthony. It was evident that the lilies too were those which had been placed there several months before.

They had remained as fresh and white as on the day they were plucked. The news of this wonder soon spread and people came in crowds to see the " Lilies of St Anthony " as they were called.

Evidently God wished to glorify St Anthony and to reward the people of Marcasso for their great devotion to His faithful Servant.

A similar wonder took place in Austria at Mentosea d'Agesco in 1680. On the feast of St Anthony a fresh cut lily had been placed in the hand of St Anthony's statue. For a whole year the flower remained as fresh and natural as on the first day it was put there.

The following year the same stem bore two lilies which filled the whole church with their fragrance.

To perpetuate the memory of these wondrous events Pope Leo XIII, by a decree of the Sacred Cong. of Rites, gave permission to bless lilies in honour of St Anthony of Padua on his feast-day, June 13th. By the application of these blessed flowers many cures, some of them very wonderful, have been obtained.

For the benefit of those who have the privilege of assisting at this blessing (1), we print here the ceremonies and prayers which accompany it.

(1) The lilies are blessed and distributed every year on the feast of St Anthony, 964 Dorchester St, West, Montreal.

BLESSINGS OF THE LILIES ON THE FEAST OF ST ANTHONY

Taken from [illegible]

V. Adjutorium nostrum in nomine Domini.
R. Qui fecit cœlum et terram.
V. Dominus vobiscum.
R. Et cum spiritu tuo.

V. Our help is in the name of the Lord.
R. Who made heaven and earth.
V. The Lord be with you.
R. And with thy spirit.

Oremus

Deus, a quo omne bonum sumit initium, et semper ad potiora progrediens percipit incrementum: concede, quæsumus, supplicantibus nobis; ut quod ad laudem nominis tui inchoare aggredimur, æternæ tuæ sapientiæ munere, perducatur ad terminum. Per Christum

LET US PRAY.

O God from whom all good has its beginning and from whom it ever receives its increase in its growth towards perfection, grant, we beseech thee, our supplications, that what we undertake for the praise of thy name we may, by the protection of thy eternal wisdom, bring

Dominum nostrum.
R. Amen.

to its fulfilment, through Christ Our Lord.
R. Amen.

The Celebrant then puts incense into the thurible, and the Deacon after having said " Munda cor meum, etc. " and asked the priest's blessing, sings the following Gospel.

V. Sequentia sancti Evangelii secundum Matthæum. (Matth. VI. 24-33.)

R. Gloria tibi, Domine

In illo tempore : Dixit Jesus discipulis suis : Nemo potest duobus dominis servire : aut enim unum odio habebit et alterum diliget : aut unum sustinebit, et alterum contemnet. Non potestis Deo servire et mammonæ. Ideo dico vobis, ne solliciti sitis animæ vestræ, quid manducetis, neque corpori vestro quid induamini.

The continuation of the Holy Gospel according to St Matthew. (VI. 24-33.)

Glory to Thee, O Lord.

At that time Jesus said to His disciples : No man can serve two masters ; For either he will hate the one and love the other ; or he will sustain the one, and despise the other. You cannot serve God and Mammon. Therefore I say to you, be not solicitous for your life, what you shall eat nor for your body what

you shall put on. Is not the life more than the meat, and the body more than the raiment? Behold the birds of the air, for they neither sow, nor do they reap, nor gather into barns: and your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are not you of much more value than they? And which of you by taking thought, can add to his stature one cubit? And for raiment why are you solicitous? Consider the lilies of the field how they grow; they labour not, neither do they spin. But I say to you that not even Solomon in all his glory was arrayed as one of these. And if the grass of the field, which is today, and to-morrow is cast into the oven, God doth so clothe; How

Nonne anima plus est quam esca: et corpus plus quam vestimentum? Respicite volatilia cœli, quoniam non serunt, neque metunt, neque congregant in horrea: et Pater vester cœlestis pascit illa. Nonne vos magis pluris estis illis? Quis autem vestrum cogitans, potest adjicere ad staturam suam cubitum unum? Et de vestimento quid solliciti estis? Considerate lilia agri, quomodo crescunt: non laborant, neque nent Dico autem vobis, quoniam nec Salomon in omni gloria sua cooperatus est sicut unum ex istis. Si autem fœnum agri, quod hodie est, et cras in clibanum mittitur Deus sic vestit: quanto magis vos modicæ fidei? Nolite ergo solliciti esse dicentes: Quid mandu-

cabimus, aut quid bibemus, aut quo operiemur? Hæc enim omnia gentes inquirunt. Scit enim Pater vester, quia his omnibus indigetis. Quærite ergo primum regnum Dei, et justitiam ejus, et hæc omnia adjicientur vobis

R. Laus tibi Christe.

much more you, O ye of little faith? Be not solicitous therefore, saying: What shall we eat, or what shall we drink, or wherewith shall we be clothed. For after all these things do the heathens seek. For your Father knoweth that you have need of all these things. Seek ye therefore, first, the kingdom of God and his justice and all these things shall be added unto you.

R. Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

The Deacon then incenses the Celebrant who sings the following.

V. The just shall spring up as a lily.

R. And shall flower eternally before the Lord.

V. O Lord hear my prayer.

R. And let my cry come unto thee.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

V. Justus germinabit sicut lilium.

R. Et florebit in æternum ante Dominum.

V. Domine exaudi orationem meam.

R. Et clamor meus ad te veniat.

V. Dominus vobiscum.

R. Et cum spiritu tuo.

LET US PRAY.

O God the Creator and Preserver of the human race, the lover of holy purity, the giver of spiritual grace and bestower of eternal salvation with Thy holy blessing bless these lilies which we, Thy supplicants in token of gratitude and in honour of St. Anthony, Thy Con-

OREMUS.

Deus Creator et Conservator generis humani, sanctæ puritatis amator, dator gratiæ spiritualis, et largitor æternæ salutis, benedictione tua sancta bene✠dic hæc lilia quæ pro gratiis exsolvendis, in honorem sancti Antonii Confessoris tui, supplices hodie tibi præsentamus, et po-

tunus benedici. Infunde illis, salutari signaculo sanctissimæ ✠ Crucis rorem cœlestem. Tu benignissime, qui ea ad odoris suavitatem depellendasque infirmitates humano usui tribuisti, tali virtute reple et confirma, ut quibuscumque morbis adhibita, seu in domibus locisque posita, vel cum devotione portata fuerint, intercedente eodem famulo tuo Antonio, fugent dæmones, continentiam salutarem inducant, languores avertant, tibique servientibus pacem, et gratiam concilient. Per Christum Dominum nostrum.

R. Amen.

fessor present to Thee to-day and for which we crave Thy blessing, to bless them. By the saving sign of the most holy Cross, shed down upon them heavenly dew O most Clement Lord who hast given them to man for the sweetness of their perfume and for the drawing away of infirmities: fill and confirm them with such power, that in whatever diseases they be used in whatever dwelling they be placed, or by whomsoever they be carried with devotion they may by the intercession of the same, Thy servant Anthony, chase away demons, produce the saving virtue of continence and prevent illness and obtaining peace and grace for

those who serve Thee: Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

The Celebrant puts incense into the thurible, sprinkles the lilies with holy water, saying "Asperges me" without the psalm, and then incenses them thrice. After this he distributes them and a procession is formed with the people carrying the lilies. During the procession the "Si Quæris Miracula" is sung.

Si quæris Miracula,
Mors, error, calamitas,
Dæmon, lepra fugiunt,
Aegri surgunt sani;

R. Cedunt mare vincula,
Membra resque perditas,
Petunt et accipiunt,
Juvenes et cani.

V. Pereunt pericula,
Cessat et necessitas,
Narrent hi qui sentiunt,
Dicant Paduani.

R. Cedunt mare etc.

V. Gloria Patri et Filio
Et Spiritui Sancto

V. Ora pro nobis, beate Antoni.
R. Ut digni efficiamur promissionibus Christi.

The priest then sings the following.

OREMUS

Subveniat plebi tuæ, quæsumus Domine, præclari Confessoris tui beati Antonii devota et jugis deprecatio: quæ in præsenti nos tua gratia dignos efficiat, et in futuro gaudia donet æterna. Per Christum Dominum nostrum.

R. Amen.

After Blessing the lilies with holy water and incensing them thrice the celebrant distributes the lilies and immediately a procession is formed during which the Si Quæris or Miraculous Responsary is sung.

If then you ask for miracles,
Death, error, all calamities
The leprous stain and demons
And health succeeds infirmities.

The sea obeys, and fetters break,
And lifeless limbs thou dost restore,
Whilst treasures lost are found again
When young or old thine aid implore.

All dangers vanish at thy prayer
And direst need doth quickly flee
Let those who know thy power proclaim
Let Paduans say—These are of thee.

Repeat : The sea obeys, etc.

To the Father, Son may glory be
And Holy Ghost eternally.

Repeat : The sea obeys, etc.

V. Pray for us blessed Anthony.
R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

LET US PRAY

We beseech Thee O Lord, may the devout and constant intercession of Blessed Anthony, Thy confessor, assist Thy people, may it render us worthy of Thy grace in this life and in the future obtain for us eternal happiness. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Concordat cun originali, Nihil obstat

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